

THE PUBLIC FORUM

Editor Vinita Chieftain:

Dr. Observer has shown some symptoms of sanity in his effusion appearing in your valuable paper of April 25. But he is still flapping around, showing his venom, his discontent and begging for a few crumbs of sympathy which he will readily get when he deserves it.

If there is any question up for discussion, it is whether the Bible is, or is not, the most read book in civilized or Christian countries.

If the Dr. will take time to re-read his first article, and each one of his articles up to April 25, he will not find much else but vilification of every character mentioned in the Bible from God to the humblest Christian.

His every argument, if argument they may be called, has proven the necessity of divine inspiration and a plan of salvation from Adam down to Dr. Observer. All the murders, and crimes from the beginning to the present has shown man a wicked being, and no other proposition is more plainly stated in the Bible. From all history sacred and profane man started out on a very low intellectual plain, but with passions and impulses that lead him to commit all crimes known. But that is just the reason the Bible, the old and the new has been given to us. But from the first God communicated with man, and the Bible tells us all that is necessary to do to get right. But it is needless to refer to any of these issues as they are not in this contention.

Now when man sees an effect he looks for the cause. And many readers of the Chieftain are reading Dr. Observer's lines and between the lines to learn if possible what's the matter with him. Judging from his writing he is out of line some way. No language is too severe for him to use to show his ill will for preachers, lay members or Christians generally. One reason of this may be that Christian people have not discovered the medical ability that the Dr. seems to think he has. And just here I want to quote Mr. Alex Sweet who stated that the best Greek and Latin scholar he ever knew could only earn 50c per day picking cotton, while a Guinea negro could earn \$2.50. Some one asked why he didn't try medicine or law to which Mr. Sweet replied that this great Greek and Latin scholar could earn more in the cotton fields. I simply drop this in with the Dr.'s wonderful Ark law yarn. If you have had no better success in the professional world than you have had in winning people to infidelity it is not strange you have more time than practice. Now let me assure you Dr. that you are mistaken when you think I am mad, I have nothing to be mad about. You have stated that I am an old man in my dotage and capable of using only a few simple monosyllables and yet it is requiring you the use of some thousands of words daily to answer me, and so far you have not stuck to the proposition in every one of your vilifications. If you could diagnose a case of hook worm and treat it as successfully as you have demonstrated your desire to stir up trouble in Vinita you would not have to be traveling round in your old days hunting practice in the medical field.

If you will go to the different churches in Vinita a few times you will learn that the best of feeling exists among and between them. The Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and all the denominations in Vinita are doing their best to advance the cause of Christ and to make Vinita a better place to live. Not one of them have any apologies to make, nor any inclination to be turned aside from their Christian duties. No Christian is responsible for you or any of your short comings. And all hands are rejoicing that they are possibly a thousand years in advance of where you seem to think them to be.

I don't doubt that you think you know what the Christians experience is, but that is one of the points that you can know from your present stated point when you can hold yourself off of the ground by your own boot straps. I was just thinking what would become of you if you could get some of these Vinita ministers hooked up in your line. It has taken you two days to my one and twice as much space for you to discuss the question with me, and you admit that you thought from the licks I was handing you that at least one and possibly two preachers were aiding me, and if an old man in his dotage, who has only the use of a few words of one syllable has been able to knock the wind out of you I consider you in luck that you have jumped on me instead of some man who had had good advantages.

Now Dr. Observer you can make a better showing possibly telling us what prohibition has done for Kansas. At least give us something new. You have bragged how smart you are, now get busy. Go into details—tell us of the number of universities infidelity has given to the world. Tell us where there are some successful infidel communities living in the bonds of brotherly love.

Tell us the advantages of being an

infidel, and give us the proof of how you know you are right. Advocate your side of the case. Now get busy and answer some of the last questions or we Christians will think you can't. Here's an easy one, if those old time infidels failed to convince the Christian that they were wrong, how long do you think it will take you to do it? I am still with the dear old book, my mother's Bible.

CAPT. G. S. WHITE.

CERTAIN SIGNS OF POVERTY

Impressionable Child Sets Mother Right Regarding Financial Standing of Her Neighbors.

Small Sarah, observant and impressionable, ran into the house, excited and out of breath. She had been calling at a neighbor's house.

"Oh, mamma!" she exclaimed, "I thought you said the Smiths were very, very rich!"

"So I did, Susie," the mother replied. "The Smiths are understood to be worth millions."

"Mamma," said the child, "I don't believe a word of it. I think they are very poor."

"Why, Susie," remarked the astonished mother, "how did you get such an idea into your head?"

"'Cause I saw two ladies playing on a piano at the same time," was Susie's response.

"That's often done," mother explained. "The ladies were playing a duet."

"But that wasn't all, mamma. Mrs. Smith's hat looks for all the world like her kitchen colander trimmed, and George Smith was wearing his father's trousers."

"Why, Susie," commented the mother, "how you talk!"

"It's true, all the same, mamma. I know they were Mr. Smith's trousers, 'cause they were so long for George that he had 'em turned up at the bottom of each leg."

Small Sarah was unfamiliar with trousers adorned with "cuffs."

SQUIRREL SHOWS DEEP GRIEF

Mourns Over Severed Head of Mate With Intensity That Seems Almost Human.

Almost every public park in the United States has its lively and half-domesticated colony of squirrels, and there is no other creature of the woods and fields with which city children may—and do—become so familiar. An interesting story which shows the depth of feeling which these little animals are capable, comes to the Companion from Waterloo, Ia.

A physician who lives near one of the parks in that city had long had an especial interest in a pair of squirrels which made their home in a tree within sight of his house. One day he noticed that one of this pair was running up and down a certain tree in the park, meanwhile chattering in the greatest excitement. Finally the little fellow appeared on a branch, holding between his paws the severed head of his mate, over which he was moaning and whining pitifully. On investigation, it appeared that the dead squirrel had been caught and actually decapitated by a limb split off from the tree by a storm of the night before. The grief-stricken mate would not abandon the body all that day, and mourned over the severed head with an intensity and absorption which seemed almost human, with a depth of emotion indeed, of which some human beings are hardly capable.—Youth's Companion.

Bison Practically Wiped Out.
How effectually the bison has been exterminated may be seen from the fact that a fine head lent by Idaho people for the land show at St. Paul is insured for \$2,000. One used to cost a morning gallop and a ball from a big pistol.

Store Enthusiasm.
My son, we should lay up a stock of absurd enthusiasms in our youth or else we shall reach the end of our journey with an empty heart, for we lose a great many of them by the way.—Victor Cherbuliez.

Woman's Costly Fit of Temper.
In a fit of temper, during a heated discussion with her brother recently, a farmer's daughter, of Plonvorn, Brest, Northern France, cut off her right hand.

Emulated the Ostrich.
In the stomach of a cow recently slaughtered in Davenport, Wash., were found steel nails, a piece of tin can and a 24-point capital O from a font of type.

Irritation of Foolish Fear.
Of all the propensities which teach mankind to torment themselves, that of causeless fear is the most irritating, busy, painful and pitiable.—Walter Scott.

Seems Queer Cure for Asthma.
Strange as it may seem, some medical men have recently taken to recommending the smoky parts of Sheffield, England, for sufferers from asthma.

Evil of Modern Life.
There is justification for the unrest of today, for multitudes of people spend their time in making a living and never having time to live.

MAKE WIGS OF SPUN GLASS

Natural Hair Becoming Scarce, Dealers in Artificial Product Are Driven to Extremities.

No one outside the artificial hair business knows the difficulty that merchants in hair-goods have experienced in getting material of sufficient quality—especially in braids—at anything like the prices which most people are willing to pay. Many countries, indeed, place such restrictions on wig-makers, owing to hygienic reasons, that natural hair is becoming more and more rare.

In certain parts of France the expedient was resorted to of making wigs from certain fibrous plants; especially was this done with those which have served to furnish material for rugs and blankets. By splitting the fibers very fine and treating them chemically, it was possible to make artificial hair, but the labor involved the asking of prices that were almost prohibitive. Moreover, complaints were made that the substitute was not satisfactory. Horsehair was treated to a like process of division and brightening, but the imitation, except for the very poor class of trade, signally failed. Now, thanks to a series of experiments, it has been found possible to utilize spun crystal for the purpose, reducing it to any shade which may be desired and to any degree of fineness. Indeed, the resemblance to human hair is said to be all but absolute. The new product has the advantage, moreover, of weighing very little, and "hair" made of glass presents an appearance of luster and is, above all, thoroughly hygienic.—Harper's Weekly.

WHY "VICTORY" WAS DUSTY

Housemaid Feared Further Damage to Statuette Already Subjected to Hard Usage.

A New York woman engaged a new housemaid the other day, and was immediately delighted at the exhibition of the new servant's efficiency. Norah waited on the table with perfect mastery; she answered the front doorbell with matchless grace; she never once grumbled when told that she must wear a cap; her dusting was a marvel of orderliness.

But the mistress of the apartment was astonished, when the new maid had been in the house about a week, to find that her cherished "Victory of Samothrace" was covered with dust. The beautiful headless body stood gray and unlovely on its pedestal, and the "Victory's" owner called Norah to see what the matter might be.

"I can't understand this, Norah," she said. "Everything else is kept so spotless. How have you happened to neglect the little statue. Have you dusted it at all?"

Norah admitted that she had not, and said no more.

"But why?" the mistress persisted. "Why?" And then, miserably, the maid owned up.

"I'm a bit awkward with me fingers, mum," she murmured, shyly. "And I saw how bad it was broke, mum, and I was afraid o' droppin' it an' makin' it worse."

Theory and Experiment.

Theory and experiment must go hand in hand, and much depends on one as much as on the other, not merely on its accuracy but also upon its nature. Hundreds of experiments may be made, which, however, notwithstanding their refinement and accuracy, contribute little to the march of human progress in the right direction; they may of course in ages count for much, but the chief thing is that the experiment should be of the right kind, and it is often desirable that as much time, if not even more time, should be spent in deciding upon the right thing to be done than in doing that thing itself. One bad theory is often worse than ten bad experiments, because even if these are properly carried out, they may yet, if based upon false notions, add little or nothing, if not to the store at least to the advancement of knowledge; and count almost for as little as the one bad experiment whether based upon theory or not.—John Butler Burke.

Jealous Fishes in a Duel.

"Fish are liable to the same passions as you and I, and they fight and love as we do," said Dr. Francis Ward. "I can show you a photograph of a rainbow trout in what would have been a fight to the death if I had not interfered. In a pond were a big female trout and her partner, who resented the intrusion of another trout. Suddenly one fish charged the other and seized him by the jaw. He shook his opponent as a dog shakes a rat, and kept on until his enemy floated to the top. Then I took the fish out and revived it with a little weak whiskey and water."

Troublesome Account.

"My husband has given me a checking account."

"Isn't that lovely? Now you can buy anything you want and just write out a check for it."

"Yes, I'm father sorry on one account, though. It seems such a lot of trouble to have to write out a check for one's car fare, especially when the cars are crowded or when you have to pay as you enter."

Past Master.

"He's an adept on the links."

"Golf expert?"

"No; our leading sausage maker."

Wife Kills the Bear.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Harvey of Tenafly, N. J., had been staying a month at Yoke Pond, Me., and started for home. The husband went on the trail toward the depot, the wife to follow an hour or two later. On the summit of Boardman mountain he met an angry she-bear, which went for him. Dropping his pack he climbed a spruce tree, just getting out of reach of the bear's claws. In his haste he dropped his mittens, and as the temperature was near zero his hands were badly frozen, and he had to strap himself to the tree to keep from falling out. Two hours later the wife came on the trail to the scene, and the bear left the tree and started growling for her. She was carrying the gun and fired one shot. That did not stop the brute, but the second one did, and left the bear dead 10 feet away.—The Christian Herald.

Perpetual Motion.

As the term is generally understood, perpetual motion is the motion of an engine which, without any support or power from without, cannot only maintain its own motion forever, but can also be applied to drive machinery, and therefore do external work. In other words it means a device for creating power or energy without corresponding expenditure. This is absolutely impossible, no matter what physical forces be employed. The quantity of force in existence being fixed, no new stock can be created, and therefore, a self-moving machine is out of the question. The modern physical axiom, the conservation of energy, founded on experimental bases as certain as those which convince us of the truth of the laws of motion, may be expressed in the negative thus: Perpetual motion is impossible.

Papal Senate.

At the present time 13 countries are represented in the papal senate: Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Spain, France, United States, Belgium, Holland, Brazil, Portugal, England and Ireland. The comparatively recent death of Cardinals Taschereau and Moran temporarily removed Canada and Australia from the roster of cardinal nations. At present there are 64 cardinals, 30 of whom are of foreign birth and 34 Italians. Of the latter, 11 rule important dioceses in Italy and 23 reside in Rome. Four cardinals, who are not Italians by birth, also reside permanently in the Eternal City: Merry Del Val, Vives y Tuto, Billot and Van Rossum.

Natural Probability.

J. Adam Bede, who was the "wit of congress" for several terms, kept the Chicago Jewelers' association in an uproar when he spoke of "happiness" at the annual banquet. "Some people can't see good in anything, but it is always there," he said. "Why, out in my district a short time ago there was an uproar because a Miss Week married a Mr. Day. The grumblers complained that it was a loss of time, because a Week had been lost to make a Day. But those who can see the sunshine all the time suggested that probably it wouldn't be long before there would be enough Days around to make up for the lost Week."

Minister's Usefulness.

Among the members of a fashionable country club of Washington are a doctor and a minister, who delight in the exchange of repartee, touching their respective professions. As they met one day, the minister observed that he was "going to read to old Cunningham," adding (as he was aware that the old man was a patient of his friend, the doctor), "Is he much worse?" With the gravest of expressions, the physician replied: "He needs your help more than mine." Of his guard, the minister exclaimed anxiously: "Poor fellow. Is it as bad as that?" "Yes, he is suffering from insomnia."

Artificial Flowers.

The Japanese carry the art of artificial flower making to perfection, copying with marvelous fidelity not only the blossoms, but whole branches and even plants in bloom. They are particularly clever in imitating wisteria, cherry and rose trees, and the flowers are so naturally made in either cotton and silk that they deceive the keenest critic. Great branches of these various blossoms are used for decorative purposes. There is a great vogue at present for the wearing of artificial flowers both with day and evening dress. Silk and velvet flowers command a high price.

Getting Even.

"Oh, George, dear," she whispered, when he slipped the engagement ring on her tapering finger, "how sweet of you to remember just the sort of stone I preferred! None of the others was ever so thoughtful!" George was staggered but for a moment. Then he came back with: "Not at all, dear. You overrate me. This is the one I've always used." She was inconsistent enough to cry about it.

Yacht Operated by Wireless.

Boating parties on Lake Wannsee, which is located near Berlin, have been started on several occasions lately by the uncanny manner in which a new electric yacht called Friday runs in and out among the other vessels without a single soul on board to operate the engines or steer. She is operated and controlled entirely from a wireless station on shore and is the first boat of her size so equipped.

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FRISCO.

North and East Bound.

Leave Vinita

No. 414—K. C. Meteor 1:40 a. m.

No. 12—California Express 3:45 a. m.

No. 416—Joplin Express 9:43 a. m.

No. 408—St. Louis Limited 7:05 p. m.

No. 10—St. Louis Meteor 11:44 p. m.

South and West Bound.

No. 2—Okla. City & S. W. 2:05 a. m.

No. 413—Ok. City from K. C. 3:30 a. m.

No. 407—Ok. City to K. C. 9:24 a. m.

No. 11—California Express 1:20 p. m.

No. 415—Sapulpa Express 8:15 p. m.

M. & T. RAILWAY.

North Bound.

Leave Vinita

No. 2—K. C. & S. Louis 12:09 a. m.

No. 6—Flyer 6:31 p. m.

No. 8—Parsons Bob 3:34 p. m.

No. 10—Katy Limited 5:37 a. m.

South Bound.

No. 1—Texas Express 4:32 a. m.

No. 3—Texas Express 7:15 p. m.

No. 5—Flyer 9:45 a. m.

No. 9—Katy Limited 11:28 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Attorney for Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary in August.

WILLARD H. VOYLES.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce the candidacy of E. N. Williamson, to the office of Register of Deeds of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of August, 1912.

E. N. WILLIAMSON.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Robt. L. Chamberlin as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce E. J. McBride of Big Cabin as a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce the candidacy of H. E. Ridenhour for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of August, 1912.

H. E. RIDENHOUR.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce L. P. Smart as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the Democratic primary, August, 1912.

I hereby announce myself for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of August, 1912.

R. F. NIX.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce the name of Geo. H. Ogden as a candidate for County Treasurer of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August, 1912.

GEO. H. OGDEN.

COUNTY JUDGE.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in August. I stand on my old platform of that of low taxes and law enforcement. I ask the support of all voters who view these matters as I do.

S. F. PARKS.

I am a candidate for County Commissioner of the Third Commissioners' District, Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary to be held in August.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I desire to announce myself as candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Craig County, Okla., subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in August, 1912.

W. L. TROTTER.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Mrs. H. W. C. Shelton as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary in August.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce J. Wes Harris as a candidate for County Commissioner for the Third District of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Billy Friend as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Craig County, subject to August primary.

I am a candidate for re-election, the Democratic ticket, to the office of County Attorney of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primary to be held in August, 1912.

C. CALDWELL.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

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